

## Athletic Hall of Fame 2008

### 16th Annual Kalamazoo Area Catholic Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

**William Olvitt**, a 1940 graduate of St. Augustine High School. Olvitt played football for Coach Harve Freeman from 1936-39. In his senior year, he made the all-city team and all-southwestern Michigan teams while scoring 17 touchdowns, including the first ever scored at C.A.A. Field. He received a football scholarship at Kalamazoo College. In October of 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force Officers Candidate School. Upon discharge in 1945, he re-enrolled at Kalamazoo College and earned his degree.



**Bill Ketelaar**, a 1952 graduate of St. Augustine High School, Ketelaar played varsity football for 4 years at tackle on offense and defense. He earned all-city honors twice, all-southwest honors his junior year, twice named to the all-catholic league team and honorable mention all-state. He was a member of the 1949 state championship squad along with those powerful Irish teams of that era that fashioned a 21 game unbeaten streak. Ketelaar also played basketball for 3 seasons and participated in track for 3 years.



**Tom Chronert**, class of 1954, earned 7 varsity letters at St. Augustine High School in football, basketball and tennis. Chronert was selected quarterback to the 1952 and 1953 Gazette all-city teams and all-state honorable mention in 1953. He was starting guard in basketball and set the then single game scoring record in 1954 with a 28 point performance against Resurrection High School in Lansing. His performance on the football field and in the classroom earned him a full athletic scholarship to the University of Detroit.



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**Paul A. Koestner** was born in Chicago in 1904. He attended the University of Illinois and served his medical residency at Chicago's St. Luke's Hospital. During the second world war, he served as a M.A.S.H. surgeon in the Phillipines. After the war, he returned to Kalamazoo and took on the role of team physician for St. Augustine High School. Among his accomplishments, he saw four children proudly graduate from Hackett Catholic Central High School.



**David Metzger**, a 1931 graduate of St. Augustine High School, Metzger was named to all-city teams in both football and basketball. He was captain of the 1931 basketball team that claimed the class C state championship. After graduation, he went on to earn three varsity letters in football at the University of Detroit.



**Deborah R. Johnson**, 1980 graduate of Hackett, earned 10 varsity letters in softball, volleyball and swimming. Johnson was a G-K all-star in volleyball and B'nai B'rith scholar athlete in 1980. She also held numerous swimming records.



The Hall of Fame Induction dinner will be held at Hackett on April 25, 2008. Call the main office at 269-381-2646 and ask for Jan for ticket information.

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### Can You Name This team?



**1951 - 1952  
9th grade  
St. Augustine  
Basketball  
league  
championship**

A member of the team has offered a \$10.00 prize to the first person to call in and identify these team players. (Sorry, team members are not eligible for prize money). Be the first one to call 381-2646 ext. 108 with the correct names to claim your prize.

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## Boost Your Knowledge of Personal Finance With The 10 Steps to Financial Wellness

**Jeff Rubleski (Hackett class of 1977)** recently completed a nationally circulated personal finance book, **The 10 Steps to Financial Wellness**. The book is published and distributed by The Wellness Councils of America, a national leader in employee wellness and benefits publications distributed to the worksite.

In this 169 page easy to read book, **Rubleski** has combined his years of successful business and investing experiences in employee benefits, education, healthcare and wellness to give the reader a roadmap to achieve financial wellness. Topics covered include:

- Steps to assess your current financial health
- How to make solid career decisions to boost your income and opportunities
- Strategies for mastering debt
- The importance of understanding and fully utilizing employer-sponsored benefits
- Ideas for saving and investing for long-term goals
- Demystifying stock, bond and mutual fund investments for long-term growth
- An overview of the types of insurance protection you'll need throughout your life
- How to choose competent advisors to guide you with your key financial decisions

**Rubleski** has provided a limited number of copies to Hackett Catholic Central High School and is making the book available for just \$10 (standard per copy price is \$17.95), plus \$3.00 for shipping. All proceeds will go to the **Stanley Rubleski Memorial Scholarship Fund**. To order your book, send a check for **\$13** to **Hackett Catholic Central, Att: Development Office, 1000 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI, 49008**.

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### 2006 Hackett Grad Joins U of M Football Team

Congratulations to Mike Fish, a 2006 Hackett grad and football player who has been added to the University of Michigan football team as a walk-on. Mike made the squad for spring practice along with ten others out of a group of 87. Practice starts in Early March. Mike has a tremendous attitude and will to win, says Coach Jim Coady. He tried out last year but did not make the team. Mike told Coach Coady "I'm going to work twice as hard and make the team next year." Well, he did !

"Nothing about this kid surprises me. If he sets his mind to do something, he will" says Coach Coady.

Our entire football program is very proud of Mike. He is our third Division I player over the last four years.

Jezrel White, a senior at Hackett, signed with Saginaw Valley in February.

Congratulations to two fine young men!!

Jim Coady

### Former Hackett star earns All America status

Megan Wilson, a 2007 graduate of Hackett Catholic Central has been named a third team member of the NCAA Division II All-America women's soccer team. Wilson, a freshman forward for the University of Mary in Bismark, N.D. was the leading goal scorer in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference with 15 in 21 games. She recorded eight game winning goals - three more than anyone else in the Northern Sun. Wilson also totaled three assists. With 33 points, Wilson finished second in the NSIC in points per game. Wilson earned NSIC first team status and was the most valuable player of the NSIC tournament after scoring the lone goal in semifinal and championship game victories.



Awards banquet in Baltimore MD at the NSCAA convention in January 2008.

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# CLASS REUNIONS

## Class of 1967 - 40th Year Reunion



The Hackett and O'Brien, class of 1967, held their reunion at the Park Club. Over 75 grads and guests attended. We are seen on the staircase in the main reception area. Needless to say, there was some question about the safety of so many people on the old structure. There were several impromptu social events as well; one at the VFW on Kilgore on Friday night and the other two at the Kalamazoo House on South Street, where some of the grads stayed for the weekend. Great fun was had by all. Not everyone is visible in this picture and we are sorry for the omission, but we couldn't get everyone in one shot.

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## Class of 1987 - 20th Year Reunion

Class of 1987, 20 year reunion on Friday, Nov. 23 at Cityscape in Kalamazoo.

Back Row: Mike Walters, Jamie Cross, Steve Statsick, Adam Owen, Mike Merriman, Vesa Nuorala, Pat Kilway, Pablo Zambrano, Noushy Khaghany

Front/Middle Row: Tim Swiat, John Novak, Mary Sue (Zant) Slack, Donna (Marshall) Moyer, Sarah (Reisterer) Coffman, Rob Hurley, Heidi (Huff)

Front Row: Carrie (Barnes) Brown, Andy Dunayczan, Liz (Sanford) Quinn



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# Irish Class Reunion Information

## Don't Miss Your Reunion!

Please keep the Alumni Office informed of a change of address. Contact the Irish Alumni Office: (269) 381-2646 or you can e-mail [alumni@hackettcc.org](mailto:alumni@hackettcc.org)

We can help you get the word around. Ask us how!

Classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003

Let the Irish Alumni Office help you announce and publicize your class reunion!

The Hackett Irish Alumni Office maintains an alumni database through the Shamrock alumni newsletter and e-mails. This database is available for reunion organizers to announce and publicize their class reunion.

Anne Marie Doll is interested in knowing if anyone is planning a 20 year reunion for the class of '88 in 2008?

The 1948 graduating class of St. Augustine is planning their 60th reunion the weekend of September 26-28. There will be a mailing going out soon. Watch for more information in the mail.

## Classmates meet Again



Recently a number of alumni from the class of 1950 met at Dick and Julie Speeses' house in honor of Greg Smith who was visiting from San Miguel de Allende in Mexico.

Left to Right: Dick Speese, Carolyn Schlick Yapple, Bill Fahl, Mrs. Fahl, Frank Ward, Barbara Lynch Nelson, Greg Smith, Bob Steffler

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# Alumni Jottings

**James M. Cornelius (1961)** has been named chief executive officer and chairman for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company according to the Wall Street Journal. Mr. Cornelius joined Bristol Myers' board in January 2005. He was previously with Eli Lilly for 28 years.

**Deborah (Grim) Mearing (1966) Debra and Earl Jr.** of Kalamazoo celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 14, 2007 with dinner at the Beacon Club in Kalamazoo and followed by a Eastern Caribbean Cruise. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

**Joe Pihoda (1971)** has been relocated back to Grand Rapids after being in the Detroit area. We relocated from Grand Rapids to Detroit 15 years ago, and now we are back. I am general manager of AT&T print yellow pages and yellowpages.com sales covering central, western, and northern Michigan. Linda, my wife of 17 years and my daughter, Emily, age 14, are excited to be back home near family and friends. Linda has retired from AT&T as well, and I have 25 years there. We won't miss the traffic in the Detroit area and "there's no place like home."

**Linda (Nicola) Feehan (1985)** writes: after 12.5 years in NYC, my husband, Greg, and our 2.5 year old daughter Olivia, moved to the San Fran area. In August, we were thrilled to welcome our second daughter, Rylee.

**William McCall (1985)** writes: I passed my board certification this year as a Medical Physicist and my family and I have moved to greener pastures in Madisonville, Kentucky. Hopefully, we'll be able to move our horses down soon as well! We're still celebrating the birth of our son, Deaglan Alexander, who was a year old this January. Hello to the class of '85.

**Patrick Murray (1986) and Wendy (Macken) Murray (1988)** gave birth to their first child, Fiona Colleen, on August 8th, 2007.

**Michelle (Mickelson) Zduniak (1990)** writes: my husband Adam and I had our first child, Hope Mary. After being 9 days late, we felt very lucky when she was born on 7-7-07. She was born at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Hospital, where we both work and Hope attends daycare there. She is a very happy and intelligent girl. We are so blessed.

**Christopher Dooley (1992)** married Megan Murphy in October 2004. They have two boys: Kieran, born March 2006, and Cormac, born March 2007. The Dooleys reside in Plymouth, Michigan.

**Marie (Graveel) Jurado (1996)** writes: My husband Jeffrey and I would like to announce the birth of our daughter, Adela Grace. Adela was born on November 19, 2007, weighing 6# 10 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

**Christine (Lohrstorfer) Sagan (1996)** My husband, Nathan, and I live in Anchorage, Alaska. We have 2 children Petula (4) and Daphne (2). I recently completed my thesis and in May will receive my masters of science as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

**Elizabeth Galinis (1997)** writes: Thanks for the cover of the winter 07 Shamrock "Remember your science room at Hackett?" It definitely hit very close to home for me and reminded me that my new career path is very far from anything I ever thought I would be doing! After working in polar research, atmospheric and climate science policy in DC for over 5 years and completing my masters at John Hopkins, I realized how disenchanted I had become and was in need of a new challenge. I got exactly that and so much more when I accepted a teaching position in Fairfax County Public Schools in Alexandria, VA. I teach geosystems to juniors and seniors. It is exciting to use my degrees and see the difference I am making each and every day.

I am reminded of my time at Hackett when I walk the 7 acres of halls shared with over 2500 students and I can't help but think 'what goes around comes around.' I don't know if I'll ever get used to being called "Miss G" but I know I have made the right choice. I plan to spend my summer "off" starting my master in science education at Virginia Tech.



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## PLEASE MAKE A CATHOLIC PROMISE!

What an exciting time of year! The school year is half over. Wow! How time flies! Our students and faculty/staff have been working very hard throughout the year. The Catholic education that our elementary and high school students receive is one of the best and it is with gratitude to people like you who help make that instruction possible.

With each school year comes the opportunity to renew your commitment to the Catholic Promise—the promise to our children to not only give them a quality education but to give it to them in an environment where they feel the love of Jesus Christ—from their teachers, parents, administrators and fellow students.

### There are two focuses this year for our schools:

First, we have been blessed with an endowment of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor to be divided equally between the two elementary schools. Our challenge is to match this gift. The earnings from the endowment will be used for the educational needs of our students. It's no secret that the accomplishments of our high school students began with their exceptional preparation in elementary school and this endowment opportunity will secure the future.

Second, to date we have collected more than half of the amount needed to renovate Hackett's science room. The generosity of our donors has made this possible. With your promise, students will soon have the latest in technology, materials and equipment to further their science education.

No matter what you can give, your generosity will not be unnoticed. It is only through the promise of everyday people that we can continue to provide our children with a top quality Catholic education. If you have any questions please contact Karen Weishaar at 269-381-2646. Thank you!

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Enclosed is my check payable to Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo.

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ Send reminders (circle) monthly quarterly semi-annually

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I have enclosed a matching gift form from my (my spouse's) employer

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**Please mail to: CSGK-ATT: Development, 1000 W. Kilgore, Kalamazoo, Mi. 49008**

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Don't miss the premiere of

# BACK to the 80's

...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

The singing, dancing blast from the past will be performed for the first time in southwest Michigan by the Hackett theatre department.

March 7, 8 & 14 at 7:00 p.m.

March 9, 15 & 16 at 2:00 p.m.

All seats reserved

**Tickets: Adults** - \$9 in advance, \$10 at door

**Students/Seniors** - \$5 in advance, \$7 at door

**Family Pack** - \$30, parents & children (18 and under)

Advance sales begin February 27

Box Office: 381-2646

Fun 80's clothes and big hair encouraged!

## MEMORIALS

Please remember in your prayers the following recently deceased members of the Irish Alumni family.

**Michael "Mike" Tefft, 1977**

**Jack Kehoe**, father of Irene (1971), Phil (1973), Ellen (1974) and Barb (1975).

**Mary Kozminske**, mother of Nancy Coole (1962), Joan Van Wormer (1966) and Ron Kozminske (1969)

**Ann Scanlon Greenwood, 1963**

### Correction

**Dale Easter, husband** of Gail (Haiduk, 1954) father of Kim (1977) Kathy (1979) Karen (1980) and Brian (1984)

The Alumni Office would appreciate a phone call or an e-mail if you would like to have the name of a deceased member of your family in the next Shamrock. You may call us at 269-381-2646 or e-mail: [alumni@hackettcc.org](mailto:alumni@hackettcc.org)



## THE ANNUAL SHAMROCK 2008 STROLLING DINNER, DANCE & AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15  
6:00-12 MIDNIGHT

HACKETT CATHOLIC  
CENTRAL'S GYMNASIUM

Tickets \$55 per person

Enjoy the wonderful dance music of  
"Great Bunch of Guys"

Enjoy a delicious strolling dinner  
catered by

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Contact Hackett Catholic Central at  
381-2646

to place your reservation

or to find out

more about this fun and festive  
fundraiser that is truly for our  
students benefit.





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# DO YOU HAVE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH?

You can win up to \$30,000\*  
by entering the  
Hackett Catholic Central  
**Annual 50 - 50 drawing**  
to be held on  
**March 15, 2008 at 10:30 P.M.**  
at the Shamrock Auction at  
Hackett Catholic Central High School

\*all proceeds benefit Hackett Athletic Boosters.  
Win 50 - 50 of cash raffle, up to \$30,000  
No more than 600 tickets at \$100 each will be sold.

To order your raffle tickets, complete this form and mail to  
**Hackett Shamrock Auction 50-50**  
1000 West Kilgore Rd.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

For more information, contact Jan Boyle, at Hackett, 269-381-2646

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## HACKETT SHAMROCK AUCTION 50-50 RAFFLE

Tickets are \$100 each. Send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$100 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# BRICK PROGRAM



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Brick donors may honor the memory of a loved one, remember people who touched their lives in a special way, as well as record their own names or memories of their high school days.

Your brick will be engraved with 3 or 6 lines of 14 characters each. Print in upper case letters EXACTLY how you would like your engraving to appear. NOTE: Spaces count as characters. One character per dash; one blank space between words. Use a separate sheet if necessary. Corporate logos can be engraved. Please include a camera ready logo. Please contact us for information about a park bench.

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### BRICK SIZES AND RATES

#### \$125 Contribution

4" x 8" brick -  
3 Lines with 14 characters

#### \$250 Contribution

8" x 8" brick -  
6 lines with 14 characters

#### \$500 Contribution

8" x 8" stamped brass brick  
6 lines with 14 characters

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



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